



Classroom Go Kit

The following list is provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

- Bright-colored bucket with lid. The bucket should be stenciled with the classroom number for visual identification.
- First aid kit
- A hat, vest, or other unique identifier for the teacher (and aide)
- A whistle
- Student accounting paperwork for student accountability (class list, contact information, etc.)
- Tarp or ground cover
- Age-appropriate time-passers (cards, crayons, etc.)

Based on input from Texas school districts, the Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) makes the following additional recommendations:

- Consider using a backpack instead of a bucket to allow the teacher to have his/her hands free during the evacuation. The backpack may be hung on a hook or Velcro just inside the classroom door.
- If caps or visors for teachers/aids are included in the Go Kit, make them uniform and plain. Attractive visors/caps might be used for other purposes and then will not be available for use during an evacuation.
- Ask teachers at each grade level for suggestions for age-appropriate books and games to include. Consider making activity cards with 4-6 suggested quiet games (e.g., word games) that do not require additional supplies. The TxSSC will have suggestions for activities available soon at www.txssc.txstate.edu.
- Include the following:
 - latex-free rubber gloves
 - sunscreen (Ask school nurse to recommend a brand)
 - a small flashlight and batteries
 - a pad of paper and pen for the teacher

If you have questions or suggestions about Go Kits, please contact TxSSC staff at 877.245.8082. We welcome your input.